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1. SUMMARY: NINE MORE DELEGATIONS SPOKE NOVEMBER 23 IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. SUDAN, MALI, HUNGARY, IRAQ, MOROCCO, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, IRAN, BAHREIN AND UAE ALL SUPPORTED WORK OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. SPC WILL DISCUSS FARAKKA ITEM AT MEETING NOVEMBER 24 AND 26 AND RETURN TO ISRAELI PRACTICES NOVEMBER 29. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES NOVEMBER 23 IN GA SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC), THERE WAS LITTLE VARIATION IN STATEMENTS OF SUDAN, MALI, HUNGARY, IRAQ, MOROCCO, DEMOCRATIC
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YEMEN, IRAN, BAHREIN AND UAE, SUDAN WONDERED WHERE LIMITS

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OF ISRAELI EXPANSIONISM LAY AND THOUGHT FULL WITHDRAWAL
WAS ESSENTIAL, ALONG WITH RETURN OF PALESTINIANS TO THEIR
HOMES AND EXERCISE OF THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS. MALI
SIMILARLY SUPPORTED PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND ENUMERATED
ISRAELI PRACTICES WHICH, HE CLAIMED, WERE AIMED AT
ANNEXATION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. HUNGARY ALSO THOUGHT "ANNEXATION POLICY" OF ISRAEL
WAS AT HEART OF MATTER AND CALLED ON ISRAEL TO END VARIOUS
NEFARIOUS PRACTICES. IT URGED EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE ALONG
STANDARD EAST EUROPEAN LINES. AFTER REVIEWING UN HANDLING
OF PALESTINE QUESTION, IRAQ SAID INDIFFERENCE TOWARD
PALESTINIAN ENDED WITH ADOPTION OF GA RESOLUTIONS 3236
AND 3376. HE ACCUSED ZIONISTS OF ADOPTING SAME WEAPONS
USED AGAINST JEWS IN EUROPE AND CONTENDED ZIONISM IS
RACIST SINCE, ACCORDING TO HIM, IT IS BASED ON CONCEPT
OF SUPERIORITY OF "CHOSEN PEOPLE". HE SUPPORTED THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS.

4. MOROCCO TERMED SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT "MERE DROP
IN OCEAN" IN SHOWING "ODIOUS" ISRAELI PRACTICES WHICH,
HE SAID, VIOLATED GENEVA CONVENTION. HE CONDEMNED
SETTLEMENT POLICY OF ISRAELIS AND SAID GOI CONNIVED WITH
GROUPS SUCH AS GUSH EMUNIM IN SETTING UP NEW SETTLEMENTS.
HE URGED FRIENDS OF ISRAEL TO PERSUADE IT THAT THIS
POLICY SABOTAGED MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS. ALLEGING
THAT JEWS, AS WELL AS PALESTINIANS, WERE "VICTIMS OF
INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM", HE CLAIMED JEWS WERE ALWAYS WELCOME
TO RETURN TO ARAB COUNTRIES THEY HAD LEFT FOR ISRAEL. HE
ACCUSED ISRAEL OF "BURNING AND PLUNDERING" HOLY PLACES,
NOTING IN PARTICULAR AL-AQSA MOSQUE FIRE AND CHANGES IN
IBRAHIMI MOSQUE IN HEBRON. HE ALSO CONDEMNED 1967
DESTRUCTION OF "MOROCCAN QUARTER" NEAR WAILING WALL AND RESERVED
HIS GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT TO RECLAIM WAQF PROPERTY HE SAID WAS
CONFISCATED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. HE THOUGHT GRUNER
REPORT AND FILM SHOWN TO SPC LEFT NO DOUBT OF WHAT HAD
HAPPENED AT QUNEITRA.

5. DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, IN GENERALLY CRITICAL SPEECH, CITED
"REBELLION" OF PALESTINIANS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS
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EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF UNFULFILLED UN
RESOLUTIONS. IN MORE MODERATE TERMS IRAN COMMENDED THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT AND NOTED THAT SITUATION IN
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS OBJECT OF DEEP CONCERN AND
FRUSTRATION. REPORT, UNFORTUNATELY, SHOWED NO CHANGE IN
ISRAELI ATTITUDE AND POLICY. BEHREIN COMMENDED ON "PERSISTENCE
OF ISRAELI DETERMINATION" TO CHANGE POPULATION AND CHARACTER
OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SAID ANNEXATION OF ARAB PART

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OF JERUSALEM COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. HE DECRIED VARIOUS ISRAELI ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN REPORT AND COMPARED DESTRUCTION OF QUNEITRA TO ACTIONS OF NAZIS. PALESTINIAN REIGHTS MUST BE RESTORED, HE CONCLUDED. UAE ALSO COMMENDED THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT AND FOCUSSED PARTICULARLY ON ISRAELI ATTITUDE TOWARD FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION. HE CHALLENGED ISRAELI DELEGATION TO ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS ABOUT LEBAL GROUNDS ON WHICH IT ABSES DENIAL THAT CONVENTION IS APPLICABLE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND REFUTED ISRAELI CLAIM THAT IT DID APPLY STANDARDS OF CONVENTION.

6. CHAIRMAN SAID HE HAD REQUEST FOR MEETINGS NOVEMBER 24 AND 26 ON FARAKKA ITEM. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION, AND HE SAID COMMITTEE WOULD RETURN TO ISRAELI PRACTICES ITEM NOVEMBER 29. TWELVE SPEAKERS REMAIN INSCRIBED FOR LATTER DEBATE.
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